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ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Sir, we certainly realize the importance of the Cabinet meetings. But, Sir, not less is the importance of the meetings of the Legislature."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Is it on the topic that we have now decided which the hon. Member is speaking? It is now closed and there is no need to discuss the subject further. The Hon. the Finance Minister will now present the Supplementary Statements of Expenditure for the year 1947–48."

IV.—SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS OF EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1947–48.

3-45 p.m. THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Sir, I present the Demands for Grants for further expenditure and detailed supplementary estimates thereof for the year 1947–48.

" Copies of the demands have been laid on the Table of the House.

" As the House is aware, two batches of Demands for Grants for further expenditure and the connected detailed supplementary estimates for this year were presented to the Legislature in September and December last. Those demands related to schemes of expenditure which were treated as 'new services' and the approval of the Legislature was obtained to the schemes by asking for token grants only. The present statement is the third and final one for this year.

" As explained in the introductory memorandum to the supplementary statement of demands for grants, the present statement includes mostly demands on account of the insufficiency of the original grants concerned for expenditure on standing sanctions based on existing orders and commitments. Some demands for expenditure on new services sanctioned late in the current year and for which no supplementary grants have yet been presented are also included.

" There are 31 Demands pertaining to the Revenue Account involving a total sum of Rs. 96,39,300 under Charged expenditure and Rs. 7,57,07,800 under Voted expenditure. Under other expenditure (i.e., capital outlay and loans and advances) there are 7 Demands involving a total sum of Rs. 34,600 under Charged expenditure and Rs. 5,09,36,100 under Voted expenditure. The number of demands and the amount would have been much smaller but for the fact that as a consequence of the transfer of power on the 15th August 1947 some items of expenditure mainly the pay, allowances and pensions of the officers previously appointed by the Secretary of State for India which were till then treated as charged expenditure have become votable from that date, as I have already explained in my budget speech. Corresponding to the increased expenditure under 'Voted' in this account, there are savings in the original appropriation under 'Charged,' but, under the rules, no reappropriation can be made

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from Charged to Voted items and *vice versa*. It has therefore become necessary to make a supplementary demand under almost every grant. I would also draw the attention of the hon. Members to the fact that savings available under one Grant cannot be reappropriated to meet additional expenditure under another Grant. The position in regard to the total appropriation is now as follows :—

	Revenue account.		Other expenditure.	
	Charged.	Voted.	Charged.	Voted.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.	LAKHS.
Original appropriation as in the budget for 1947–48).	375·96	4753·53	1·03	1079·64
Revised estimate for 1947–48.	405·87	5325·03	0·80	1481·19

The variations between the Budget Estimate for 1947–48 and the Revised Estimate for 1947–48 have been fully explained in my budget speech and in the Financial Secretary's Explanatory Memorandum on the Budget for 1948–49. The final appropriation and the present supplementary demands for grants take into account factors which have come to notice after the Revised Estimates for 1947–48 were fixed in January last and new sanctions.

" The explanatory note under each Grant gives the reasons necessitating the additional appropriation in each case. It will be seen that apart from the reclassification of Charged expenditure as Voted which I have already mentioned, one general reason for the increased appropriation asked for is the revision of the pay and allowances of non-gazetted Government servants. Though the revision of pay and allowances took effect from the 1st January 1947, the pay of the individuals in the revised scale in almost all cases was fixed and the enhanced pay including arrears was drawn only in the course of this year. The lump sum provision made in the budget for the current year for the revision of the salaries and allowances of non-gazetted Government servants has therefore proved to be inadequate. I hope that these general observations of mine together with the explanatory note under each Grant will make the position clear to the House."

V.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS ALIYASANTANA BILL, 1947 (L.C. BILL NO. I OF 1948).

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Sir, I move that—

' *under rule* 80 *of the Madras Council Rules read with rule* 111 (7) *thereof, the leave of the House be granted to*